INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) it is proposed to set up a National Marine Fisheries Development Board for the overall development of the fisheries sector.

(b) The Board is proposed to be set up in the 8th Five Year Plan period.

Passive Smoking

7711. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the present medical opinion passive smoking is as harmful and injurious as actual smoking;

(b) whether it is also a fact that according to the latest thinking there is no proof that the wives or husbands of smokers have a higher incidence of lung cancer; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Passive smokers are at a higher risk as compared to non-smokers in developing tobacco related diseases.

(b) and (c) Manary studies have indicated that the spouses of smokers are at a higher risk of devleoping Lung cancer as compared to non-smokers.

Alleged Resale of used Syringes

7712. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have detected many cases of disposable syringes after their one time use, finding their way in the market for rasale if so, the names of places where such cases were detected;

(b) whether any enquiry was made and action taken in this matter; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government received representation to include disposable syringes under Food and Drugs Act; and

(d) if so, what aciton is being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) Such reports have come to the notice of Govt. through periodic press reports. All State Drug Controllers have been advised to ensure that hospitels, nursing homes and practitioners take adequate measures to ensure that the disposable syringes and needles are effectively destroyed after use. Further all licencees have to print a label stating "to be destroyed after single use" to prevent the re-use or recycling of the items.

Government have already notified (1) Disposable Hypepdermic syringes (2) Disposable Hypodermic Needles and (3) Disposable Perfusion sets, as drugs, under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 with effect from 17-3-1989.

Vacant Posts in C.G.H.S. Store Depots

7713. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a number of posts of stores Officers, UDGs, LDCs, packers and Labourers (regular) are lying vacant in Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic and Unani Store Depots under C.G.H.S. in Delhi.

(b) if so, their number in each category and since when these are lying vacant; and

(c) by when Government propose to fill up these posts to run the stores properly?

THE MINSITER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B.